

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

The specification has been objected to as not containing the proper headings for U.S. applications and Claims 16-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Crane.

Considering first then the Examiner's objection to the specification, it is to be noted that appropriate titles have now been added to the different sections of the application for compliance with U.S. patent practice and procedure.

Next considering then the rejection of Claims 16-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Crane, it is to be noted that Claim 16 has been amended to clarify the fact that the assembly elements of the cutting device includes at least one guide bearing 10 connected to the gear box 8 by assembly elements and in which a shaft is supported, the at least one cutting member being connected to the gearbox by the guide bearing and being driven by said shaft, said cutting member being driven in rotation by said shaft during work about an upwardly directed axis and claims that the at least one assembly elements is connected to the guide bearing connected to the gearbox. Claim 16 also claims that at least one of such assembly elements is anchored to the front piece of increased thickness.

It can thus be appreciated from a review of the figures of the present application, the casing/housing includes a top part 26, a bottom part 27 and a front part 28 wherein the front part has a thickness that is greater than that of the top part 26. The guide bearing 10 of the cutting components 9, 13, 14 is connected to the gearbox 8 by means of assembly components of which at least one is anchored to the front part 28 having greater thickness by comparison, the manner in which the guide bearing secured to the gear box and *Crane* is not disclosed and there is no teaching in Crane of connecting the structure in the manner now

claimed in Claim 16. It is therefore submitted that Claim 16, as well as all claims dependent therefrom, clearly patentably define over Crane as well as the remaining references of record.

In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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